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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, JANUARY 29, 2002

APPLICATION OF

ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION
D/B/A UNITED CITIES GAS
COMPANY

CASE NO. PUE020002

2001 Annual Information
Filing

ORDER GRANTING WAIVER

On January 21, 2002, Atmos Energy Corporation d/b/a United Cities Gas Company, ("United Cities" or "Company") filed with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") a Request for Waiver ("Request"), requesting the Commission to grant a waiver from one item in the terms of the Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") adopted by the Commission in its Final Order issued on May 22, 2001, in the Company's last rate case, Case No. PUE000171. The Company filed its 2001 Annual Information Filing ("AIF") with the Commission on December 28, 2001.

The Company states in its Request that in Case No. PUE000171, the Staff and the Company entered into the Agreement whereby the Company agreed to "prepare weather normalization adjustments in its annual filings and rate applications with the Commission utilizing data from all of

the weather stations located in UCG-VA's service territory." In support of its Request, the Company states the Staff's weather normalization adjustments in Case No. PUE000171 included only those stations having published 30-year normal Heating Degree Day ("HDD") data from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA"). The Company further states that the same weather stations used by Staff in Case No. PUE000171 were used by the Company in calculating its 2001 AIF. Further, the Company states that there is an additional weather station located in Abingdon within United Cities' service territory, but 30-year normal HDD data from NOAA was not available from this weather station and could not be included in the current filing. The Company further states that as discussed with the Commission Staff, future filings will include the Abingdon weather station in the Company's weather normalization calculation, when published NOAA normal HDD data becomes available.

The Commission Staff has advised the Commission that it has no objection to United Cities' request.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the foregoing, is of the opinion that the Company's request should be granted.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) The Company's 2001 Annual Information Filing may exclude the use of the Abingdon weather station data in calculating its weather normalization adjustments.

(2) The Company shall, in future filings, include the Abingdon weather station in its weather normalization calculation when published NOAA normal HDD data becomes available.

(3) This matter is continued.